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Floriculture Survey Procedures

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Floriculture crops are defined as any item considered in the category of bedding/garden plants, cut cultivated greens, cut flowers, flowering potted plants, foliage plants, or floriculture propagative material. Data for flowering potted plants and foliage plants represent only items intended for indoor or patio use. The floriculture statistics presented in this publication are compiled from interviews of all known growers of floriculture crops in the 36 selected states. Growers must have annual gross sales of all floriculture crops exceeding \$10,000 to be included in this report. During the collection of 2003 data, some previous year information was updated. Operations are classified by summing the value of actual plant sales reported in the questionnaire. This lessens the

possibility that sales of non-floriculture plant material may be included. Individual crop details including quantity sold, price, and value are summarized only from growers whose gross sales of floriculture crops exceed \$100,000.

Mississippi Floriculture: Number of Growers, Value and Growing Area, 1994 - 2003

Year	Number of Growers	Expanded Wholesale Value ¹	Type of Growing Area			
			Total Greenhouse Cover	Shade and Temporary Cover	Total Covered Area	Open Ground
		\$1,000 Dollars			1,000 Square Feet	
1994	49	7,031	2,627	135	2,762	74
1995	79	9,536	2,987	169	3,156	70
1996	67	10,750	1,789	102	1,891	76
1997	100	19,968	2,189	190	2,379	148
1998	77	13,608	3,285	136	3,421	81
1999	68	14,876	3,414	130	3,544	63
2000	53	14,543	2,686	77	2,763	44
2001	71	15,427	3,393	116	3,509	89
2002 ²	87	16,171	2,752	115	2,867	176
2003	75	15,153	2,677	105	2,782	121

¹ Wholesale value of sales as reported by growers with \$100,000 or more in sales of floriculture crops plus a calculated wholesale value of sales for growers with sales below \$100,000. The value sales for growers below the \$100,000 level were estimated by multiplying the number of growers in each size group by the mid-point of each dollar value range.

² Revised.

Mississippi Potted Poinsettias: Producers, Sales, Price and Value, 1995 - 2003

Year	Number of Producers	Quantity Sold			Wholesale Price		Value of All Sales at Wholesale
		Less Than 5 Inch	5 Inch or More	Total	Less Than 5 Inch	5 Inch or More	
		1,000 Pots			Dollars		1,000 Dollars
1995	20	11	226	237	2.31	4.46	1,033
1996	19	55	275	330	2.28	4.03	1,234
1997	22	33	320	353	2.24	4.86	1,629
1998	21	22	283	305	2.13	4.93	1,442
1999	26	32	379	411	2.08	4.02	1,590
2000	16	19	206	225	2.48	5.15	1,108
2001	19	16	238	254	2.43	4.99	1,227
2002	19	43	196	239	2.36	5.18	1,117
2003	15	27	182	209	2.80	5.45	1,068

Mississippi Bedding Impatiens: Producers, Sales, Price and Value, 1995 - 2003

Year	Number of Producers	Quantity Sold	Wholesale Price	Value of Sales at Wholesale
		1,000 Flats	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
1995	17	36	7.59	273
1996	12	45	6.94	312
1997	19	112	7.62	853
1998	18	70	7.62	533
1999	15	54	7.24	391
2000	16	52	8.64	449
2001	17	35	8.60	301
2002	15	61	8.70 *	531 *
2003	16	64	9.26	593

* Revised.

Mississippi Bedding Petunias: Producers, Sales, Price and Value, 1995 - 2003

Year	Number of Producers	Quantity Sold	Wholesale Price	Value of All Sales at Wholesale
		1,000 Flats	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
1995	16	34	6.90	235
1996	13	42	6.93	291
1997	20	104	8.74	909
1998	19	57	8.92	508
1999	19	58	8.46	491
2000	15	49	7.95	390
2001	16	56	8.30	465
2002	15	41	8.95 *	367
2003	16	50	11.52	576

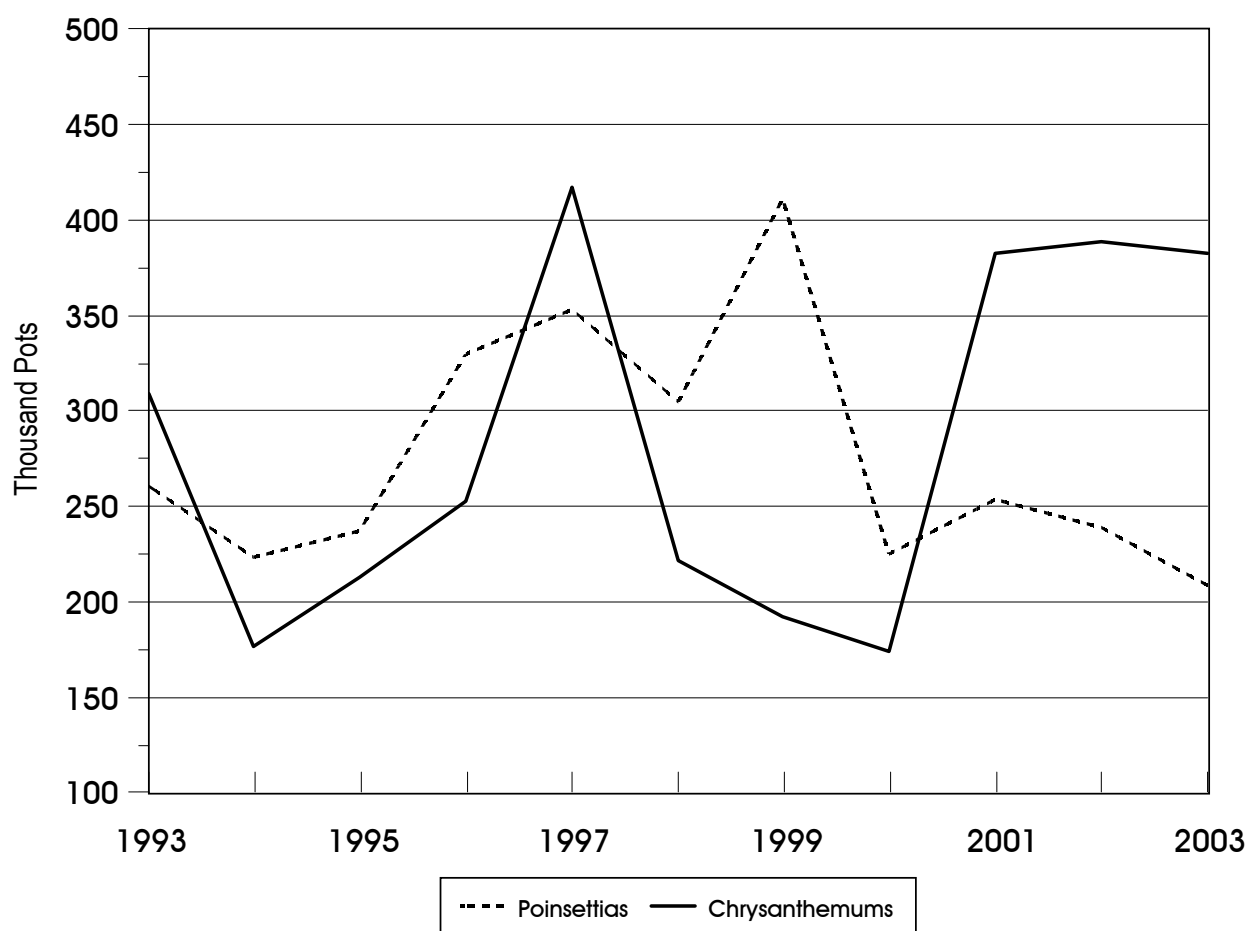
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**Mississippi Floriculture: Wholesale Value of Sales by
Selected Category for Operations with \$100,000+ Sales, 1995 - 2003**

Year	Total Potted Flowering Plants	Total Foliage For Indoor or Patio Use	Total Bedding/ Garden Plants	Total Value of Reported Crops
1,000 Dollars				
1995	2,394	233	4,632	7,436
1996	2,831	327	5,143	8,485
1997	3,763	488	12,133	16,638
1998	3,573	357	7,568	11,568
1999	3,787	686	8,468	12,941
2000	4,139	439	8,431	13,009
2001	3,452	576	9,325	13,353
2002	2,935 *	1,041	9,338 *	13,314 *
2003	2,286	601	9,884	12,771

* Revised.

Mississippi Potted Poinsettias and Chrysanthemums, Pots Sold, 1993 - 2003



Chicken Eggs in Incubators: by Region and United States, April 1, 2003 - 2004

State	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	11,823	12,451	105	5,056	6,354	126
East North Central	7,785	8,091	104	8,215	7,005	85
West North Central	22,141	24,179	109	7,735	7,433	96
South Atlantic	237,351	233,534	98	2,883	2,464	85
South Central	334,317	349,100	104	5,767	5,684	99
West	25,090	25,171	100	5,224	4,932	94
United States	638,507	652,526	102	34,880	33,872	97

March Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States

State	All Layers on Hand		Table Eggs ¹		Hatching Eggs ¹	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000		Million		Million	
Alabama	9,856	9,224	54	44	136	128
Arkansas	15,731	15,212	107	98	191	193
Florida	10,903	11,481	235	260	9	10
Georgia	20,734	20,510	259	259	174	172
Mississippi	6,844	7,004	47	42	93	95
North Carolina	11,152	10,939	78	80	137	134
Oklahoma	4,129	4,025	47	43	34	35
South Carolina	5,334	5,225	101	94	20	19
Virginia	3,243	3,335	23	30	39	37
United States	339,885	340,835	6,316	6,444	1,108	1,087

¹ Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States March 2003 - 2004

State	March			January-March		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	104,146	110,915	106	298,189	321,807	108
Arkansas	111,793	113,525	102	324,736	332,302	102
Florida	5,899	4,939	84	16,879	14,548	86
Georgia	115,864	121,429	105	329,463	354,770	108
Kentucky	24,339	26,042	107	70,252	72,935	104
Mississippi	70,801	72,111	102	204,648	210,707	103
North Carolina	67,642	67,532	100	192,885	192,410	100
Texas	54,589	54,822	100	157,848	158,208	100
United States	774,354	791,149	102	2,227,577	2,293,055	103

**Catfish Processors: Sales Volume, Average Price and Ending Inventory,
United States, January 2003 - 2004**

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	4,339	3,808	1.35	1.57	211	316
Fillets ¹	6,715	6,815	2.44	2.71	495	552
Other ²	1,599	1,567	1.51	1.71	120	159
Total Fresh	12,653	12,190	1.95	2.22	826	1,027
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,500	1,302	1.84	1.97	1,794	1,415
Fillets ¹	11,494	10,572	2.43	2.67	5,194	5,539
Other ²	4,838	4,781	1.60	1.61	2,245	2,977
Total Frozen	17,832	16,655	2.16	2.31	9,233	9,931
Total Fresh & Frozen	30,485	28,845	2.07	2.27	10,059	10,958

¹ Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded products.

² Includes all products and not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

**United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid to Producers by
Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2003 - 2004**

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price per Pound ¹		Imports ²	
	Monthly		Cumulative					
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Pounds	
January	55,523	53,849	55,523	53,849	.529	.668	1,322	215
February	55,461	54,173	110,984	108,022	.544	.703	260	204
March	65,007	60,272	175,991	168,294	.585	.723	332	
April	57,105		233,096		.630		272	
May	58,424		291,520		.618		703	
June	52,441		343,961		.586		893	
July	54,089		398,050		.564		435	
August	54,153		452,203		.552		135	
September	51,885		504,088		.560		150	
October	57,652		561,740		.567		384	
November	51,246		612,986		.610		331	
December	48,518		661,504		.629		213	

¹ Price for fish delivered to the processing plant door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

² Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

Mississippi Milk Cow Numbers and Production of Milk and Milkfat, 1997 - 2003

Year	Number of Operations With Milk Cows	Number of Milk Cows on Farms ¹	Production of Milk and Milkfat ²				
			Per Milk Cow		Percentage of Fat in Milk	Total	
			Milk	Milkfat		Milk	Milkfat
		1,000 Head	Pounds		Percent	Million Pounds	
1997	650	47	13,489	479	3.55	634	22.5
1998	600	42	13,786	496	3.60	579	20.8
1999	550	38	14,526	521	3.59	552	19.8
2000	520	36	15,028	544	3.62	541	19.6
2001	480	35	14,200	517	3.64	497	18.1
2002	450	34	14,059	509	3.62	478	17.3
2003	---	31	13,645	487	3.57	423	15.1

¹ Average number on farm during year, excluding heifers and yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

--- Data not available.

Mississippi Milk Farm Marketings, Income and Value, 1997 - 2003

Year	Combined Marketings of Milk			
	Milk Marketed by Producers	Average Returns ¹		Cash Receipts From Marketings
		Per 100 Pounds Milk	Per Pounds Milkfat	
	Million Pounds	Dollars		1,000 Dollars
1997	630	14.40	4.06	90,720
1998	575	16.20	4.50	93,150
1999	548	16.30	4.54	89,324
2000	538	13.90	3.84	74,782
2001	495	16.10	4.42	79,695
2002	476	13.10	3.62	62,356
2003	421	13.10	3.67	55,151

Year	Used for Milk, Cream and Butter Where Produced		Gross Income From Dairy Products ³	Farm Value of Milk Produced ⁴
	Milk Utilized	Value ²		
	Million Pounds		1,000 Dollars	
1997	1	144	90,864	91,296
1998	1	162	93,312	93,798
1999	1	163	89,487	89,976
2000	1	139	74,921	75,199
2001	1	161	79,856	80,017
2002	1	131	62,487	62,618
2003	1	131	55,282	55,413

¹ Cash receipts divided by milk or milkfat represented in combined marketings.

² Computed at average returned per 100 pounds of milk marketed.

³ Cash receipts from marketings of milk plus value of milk used for farm consumption and farm butter churned.

⁴ Milk produced on farms valued at average return per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk cream. Includes value of milk fed to calves.

**Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States and United States,
January-March, 2003 - 2004**

State	Jan-Mar Milk Cows ¹		Jan-Mar Milk Production ²		Change From 2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
Alabama	18	17	70	70	
Arkansas	30	27	96	87	-9.4
Florida	146	139	596	611	2.5
Georgia	85	84	399	380	-4.8
Kentucky	120	111	390	365	-6.4
Louisiana	44	40	149	140	-6.0
Mississippi	32	28	122	109	-10.7
Missouri	133	124	495	470	-5.1
North Carolina	62	58	279	264	-5.4
Oklahoma	83	80	336	330	-1.8
South Carolina	20	17	95	78	-17.9
Tennessee	82	77	325	310	-4.6
Texas	320	317	1,448	1,578	9.0
United States ³	9,144	8,991	43,069	42,688	-0.9

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

³ May not add due to rounding.

**Dairy Plants: Number Manufacturing One or More Dairy Products
By Selected States and United States, 1999 - 2003**

State	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
	Number				
Alabama	9	8	8	7	7
Arkansas	4	4	4	4	4
Florida	36	44	52	48	46
Georgia	6	5	4	4	4
Kentucky	17	16	18	17	19
Louisiana	6	6	6	6	6
Mississippi	4	4	4	4	4
Missouri	20	19	19	19	19
North Carolina	13	12	12	10	10
South Carolina	5	4	4	4	4
Tennessee	11	11	11	11	10
Texas	27	26	25	28	28
United States	1,192	1,164	1,179	1,149	1,126

Commercial Red Meat Production: By Selected States and United States,
February 2004 with Comparisons ¹

State	March 2003	February 2004	March 2004	March 2004 as Percent of ²	
				March 2003	February 2004
Million Pounds			Percent		
Alabama	3.5	3.0	3.1	91	104
Arkansas	6.2	5.4	5.4	88	101
Florida	5.6	4.4	4.9	88	111
Georgia	20.7	11.3	11.0	53	98
Kentucky	36.0	40.3	42.7	119	106
Louisiana	1.3	1.3	1.2	97	97
Mississippi	23.6	23.5	24.4	103	104
Missouri	35.2	32.4	37.9	108	117
North Carolina	176.4	166.1	192.7	109	116
Oklahoma	78.5	83.1	93.5	119	113
South Carolina	19.8	19.3	21.7	110	113
Tennessee	19.6	19.7	22.4	114	114
Texas	368.7	341.3	406.9	110	119
United States	3706.1	3403.4	3946.2	106	116

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.